

HOUSE RESOLUTION 23

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A RESOLUTION to honor WMSR Thunder Radio 1320 AM for sixty years of outstanding broadcasting.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those radio stations that are dedicated to making a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one outstanding station is WMSR Thunder Radio 1320 AM in Manchester, which is celebrating sixty years of on-air broadcasting this year; and

WHEREAS, the staff of WMSR Radio takes great pride in providing important information to the community in a timely and accurate manner and serving, promoting, protecting, and informing the residents of Coffee County of current events and causes; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, WMSR promoted and broadcast live the “Mayors Cup” charity basketball game, the proceeds of which benefited the Jones family and the Children’s Center; aired a four-hour, live telethon to raise funds for the Coffee County Children’s Advocacy Center; donated five hours of airtime to the Manchester Kiwanis club for the annual Radio Auction fundraiser; and broadcast live storm coverage when tornadoes threatened the community; and

WHEREAS, a reliable source of local news and information, the station conducts interviews of public officials in local government and fire departments, as well as Homeland Security, informing citizens about new laws and opportunities; the station also works closely with local law enforcement to apprehend suspects by sharing vital information with the public; and

WHEREAS, WMSR, in conjunction with the *Manchester Times*, also hosts, broadcasts, and podcasts a political forum each election cycle, giving residents the opportunity to listen to each political candidate and make informed decisions; and

WHEREAS, the staff of WMSR Thunder Radio 1320 AM believes in the importance of giving back to the community; the radio station offers free publicity to dozens of charities; holds chili suppers and silent auctions to help local families in crisis; conducts food drives to benefit the Good Samaritan organization; and collects food, clothing, and other necessary items at the "Coffee County One Day of Hope" event; and

WHEREAS, a proud supporter of local schools, WMSR promotes fundraisers, acknowledges school achievement, such as honor rolls and spelling bee winners, and broadcasts high school and middle school athletic games. In addition, the station partners with the Nashville Predators in choosing a "Student of the Week," whereby the student is honored for his or her achievements and receives tickets to a hockey game; and

WHEREAS, WMSR Radio owes its success to the tireless and dedicated efforts of Rob and Tiffany Clutter, who have owned the station for twelve years; Brian Marcrom, program director and webmaster; Lucky Knott, news director; Dennis Weaver, sports director; and Billy Levengood, on-air host and sales representative; and

WHEREAS, over the past six decades, WMSR Radio has provided countless hours of news, entertainment, and emergency broadcasting to thousands of listeners and is known to its listeners as the glue that holds the town of Manchester together; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly wish to seize this opportunity to specially honor WMSR Thunder Radio 1320 AM and its staff as they celebrate sixty years of broadcasting and service to their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor WMSR Thunder Radio 1320 AM for providing sixty years of outstanding broadcasting to its listeners and wish the station and its staff continued success for many years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.